

# GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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17th June, 2021



Message from the  
Principal/CEO  
Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

### Travel Declaration Form for September

The Authorities will require data on student travel over the summer. Therefore we will be sending home a short survey email for parents to update us on travel plans. Please complete the survey before your child returns to school from 29/8/21. Thank you.

### We are Ready to return!

Plans for September's return are well-underway. We will be ready to welcome back our students for 100% F2F as soon as the Authorities give us the green light for this. Since the COVID-19 situation is still unstable, we also have plans in place in case we need to delay a full F2F programme. 94% of WSS staff have been fully vaccinated, to support the safety of your children. Let's all get vaccinated if possible to improve the chances of a speedy return to normal life!

## Dates for Your Diary

| Date                             | Details   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Sunday<br>20th June              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deadline to apply for a TC if leaving WSS is Sunday 20th June. After this date the GRE is not available for late TC processing &amp; there would be delays in processing.</li> </ul>   |
| Thurs. 1st<br>July               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students' last day of the academic year. Our learning programme will continue after exams right until 1/7/21.</li> <li><u>Seats will not be held beyond the last day of T3 if T3 fees remain pending.</u> Any paid Seat Booking Fee would be lost. Seats would be given to the Waiting list, &amp; if parents decide later that they want a seat, this would be subject to availability, &amp; not guaranteed.</li> <li>You may change your mind about enrolment at WSS at any time, however the seat booking fee is non-refundable (but deductible from T1 Fees, Sept-Dec. '21).</li> </ul> |
| From Sunday<br>29th<br>Aug. 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start of new Academic Year 2021-2022.</li> <li>Students who have travelled must have completed 10 days' quarantine before rejoining school.</li> <li>All students over age 12 years must bring a negative PCR Test (validity 48 hours) to rejoin school.</li> <li>Full T1 fees must be paid before any student has their class confirmed or admitted for the new academic year.</li> <li>Please Budget accordingly—there will be no Payment Plans in T1 (no exceptions). Thank you.</li> </ul>   |



After 5 years with the WSS family designing & delivering a bespoke teacher training programme to improve standards of teaching & learning, our dedicated Learning Coach Ms. Aneka is leaving to return to UK. We thank her for all her hard work & commitment to school development, & wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

This is her message to the WSS community, "It is amazing when I look back to the first day I walked through the doors of this school to see the incredible journey of growth we have been on for the last 5 years. When I started here, we had the building bricks for success: eager and enthusiastic teachers who were keen to learn and staff training time available to stretch and develop ourselves. Every week, for the last 5 years I have watched teachers learn and reflect in training sessions, during lesson feedback sessions and in coaching sessions and I have witnessed day after day, step by step, improvement after improvement. What we have overcome over the last year and a half is a huge feat and something we should all be proud of. We have accomplished what we would have thought was impossible before; we have proved to ourselves that we can do anything we put our minds to. I leave knowing that I leave behind a team of teachers who have the confidence, the strength and the resilience to do anything and I would like to thank each and every one of them for the hard work that they do every day."

**Our Vision; 'Excellence Through Teamwork; Success For All'**

# Whole School News; Pay your Fees & SAVE!!



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For further details on all of these offers, visit [gemsrewards.com/how-to-save](https://gemsrewards.com/how-to-save) webpage or contact your school for more information.

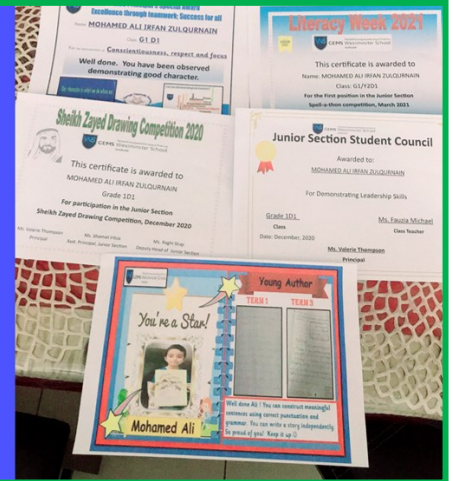
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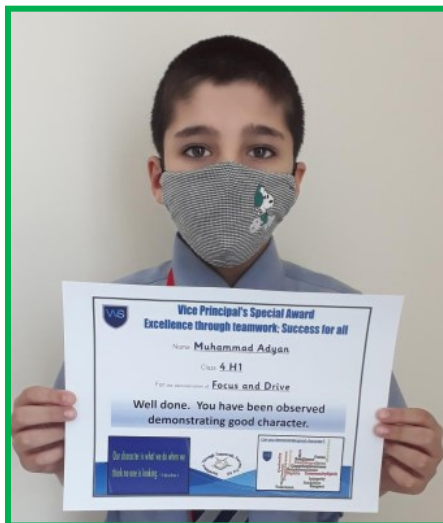


# WSS Superstar Champions!



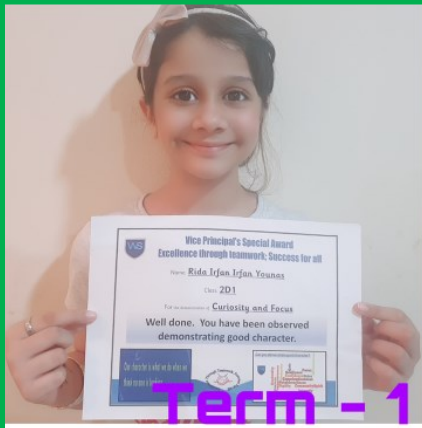
Success for M.Ali & Hania Irfan with Creative Mindz

Teachers are awarded raffle tickets for applying & evidencing CPD strategies to develop their personal practice. Here is Ms. Anju with her prize from Learning Coach Ms. Anneka.



Vice principal awards Hania Irfan G6/Y7

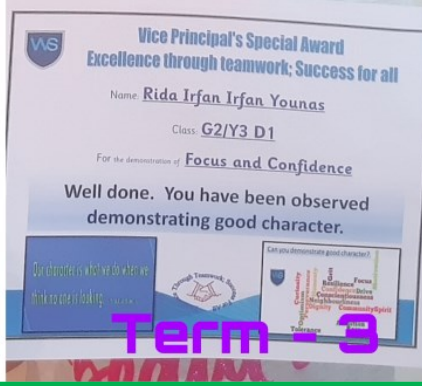
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Term - 2



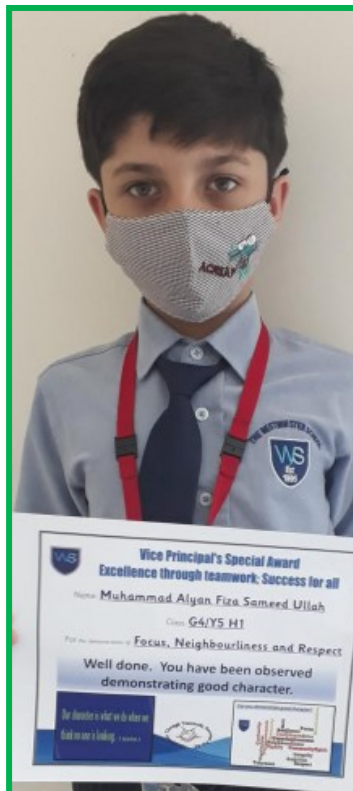
Term - 3



Congratulations to Abdalrahim (G4/Y5 H1) who secured first place in the Inter-school Sci-math Fest, 2021.



Recycling superheroes!



## WSS Superstar Champions!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE PRIDE OF G3/Y4  
H2 STUDENTS!!**

**YAHYA (left) won in a swimming competition**

**Mustafa Nasir (right)– VP Award for  
demonstrating Focus & Drive in the class**

Dear Teacher Himaya,

Good day,

I am writing this to say thank you for being Kashaf's Teacher. Despite of late admission, she has learnt so many things in this term and had fun along the way. You helped her with phonics, numbers, reading and writing too. She enjoyed your class each day. Indeed you are the Fabulous Teacher. Through your encouragement and guidance I feel she is ready for tomorrow's challenges.

I really appreciate your love, kindness, support, and patience. A good teacher like you inspires hope, ignites the imagination and instill a love of learning. Hats Off to you and a super stupendous thank you.

Stay blessed always in both worlds, (Ameen)

Regards  
Sadia Farhan

## WSS Parent-Teacher Superstar Teamwork!

Dear Ms.Valerie

I would like to drop a line to thank you all for great support my children has received during their learning journey in SHJ- Westminster school .

Wish you all the best .

Best regards,

Ashraf Ellafy

KSA - UAE - Sales and Catering Manager – Restaurants

Dear teacher

At the end of the academic year I would like to tell you that you are amazing teacher in explanation, supporting and helping the students

Also your way to follow up with me to be up to date all the time regarding my son improvement

Thanks too much and God bless you

From Heba Mother of Fares G4-H1

Best Regard

**Thank you dear parent for your encouraging & motivating feedback. Throughout this very challenging year, our parents have been working hard behind the scenes to support their children's learning journey. Thank you so much!**

Dear MS Sonia , good evening .

Hope my email finds you well and in good health.

Dear ma'am at the end of this academic year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you so much for all your support you always giving to us and to our kids. I am really speechless 😊, thanks words will not be enough to thank you for your kind support during this pandemic ,as I am working mother I was worried how my son will learn online if I am not there ! But you dear MS Sonia and your amazing team were always there to support him and other kids as well 😊😊

Many thanks to MS Sarada for all her effort she put to teach the kids as she is so kind and professional ☆☆☆ Taking many subjects online and making her best to make it v simple and easy too. ❤️❤️ Thank you MS Sarada

Many thanks also to MS Asma miqled 😊 for her effort she help the kids to learn and she was really so nice and so kind, she also a professional teacher and I was lucky that my son learn in her class 🌸🌸

Thanks to every and each teacher who were teaching grade 2 D1 )

You are all amazing teachers and Ramez loves you so much.

He will miss you in grade 3 and he hope you will teach him again next year. 😊 Once again thank you so mich dear MS Sonia for your kind support , love and care ❤️ Thanks and best regards Basma (Ramez's mother ) Sent from my iPhone

رسالة شكر يشرفني ان اتقدم بالشكر الجزيل لادارة المدرسة والمشرفين التربويين على مادة اللغة العربية لجهودهم ودرهم الفعالي في تفعيل التعليم عن بعد وتوثيق المنجزات مما كان له الاثر الايجابي في استمرارية العملية التعليمية

لإبنائنا.

ويجدر بالذكر الشكر الجزيل للمعلم الفاضل / محمد الديب مدرس مادة اللغة العربية لإبننا الطالب / ابي بكر محمد بالصف الخامس لكل ما بذله من جهود طوال العام لترك بصمة في المسيرة التعليمية لإبننا شكرا جزيلاً

Message of thanks I am honored to extend my sincere thanks to the school management and the educational supervisors of the Arabic language for their efforts and their effective role in activating distance education and documenting the achievements, which had a positive impact on the continuation of the educational process for our children.

It is worth mentioning the heartfelt thanks to the honorable teacher / Mohamed Al-Dib, the Arabic language teacher for our son, the student / Abu Bakr Mohamed in Grade 5, for all his efforts throughout the year to leave an imprint in the educational process of our son.

Thank you so much

Dear GEMS

As today is the last exam for my son in this yeas

I want to take an opportunity to thank GEMS team as well for all there efforts during this hard and long year as a pearnts we appreciate them hard work and hope them a fantastic holiday with them families

And I would like to have a minute to give a very spacial thanks for MR/ Mohamed AL Deeb

The Arabic teacher for G5 who has Avery special effects on my son as he made a great development in his reading and writing Arabic wishing him and all other teachers all the best in future

Thank you for all of you

السادة ادارة مدرسة جيمس المحترمين  
انتهز الفرصة بمناسبة انه اليوم الاخير في امتحانات عام ٢٠٢١&٢٠٢٠ لأقدم بالشكر لجميع العاملين بالمدرسة على مجهوداتهم الرائعة في هذا العام الصعب نظرا للظروف الخاصة بفيروس كوفيد واتمى لجميع العاملين بالمدرسة اجازة سعيدة وأخص بالشكر الأستاذ محمد الديب معلم اللغة العربية الخاص بابي نظرا لجهوده الملحوظة في تطوير القراءة والكتابة عند الطلاب وبصفة خاصة ابي واتمى له دوام التقدم والنجاح وبصفته ولي امر الطالب محمود سمير محمد على اتقدم بالشكر لكل العاملين بمدرسة جيمس متمنيا لهم اجازة سعيدة

Regards

Sameer AL Nagar

Dear Miss Rejina,

I am writing this email to you regarding the Life Skills sessions. In my opinion they are extremely helpful and have really refined my understanding of some major topics; including admissions, applications and requirements; when applying to universities. They also brought into light a few things which I wasn't even aware of before the sessions. So, for that I thank you profusely! I do hope we have more sessions where I'll be able to clear all my doubts.

Thanking you,

Rashaad Hasan

# WSS Parent-Teacher Superstar Teamwork!

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## My Child's Learning Journey G1Y2F1 ( For Parent)

Please add your feedback/comments about your experience with the Junior Section during your child's learning journey.

**Hany Nour - 16097**

Many thanks to the Junior Section in charge for the efforts and progresses they have achieved with the students all, Special thanks from our heart to Ms. Raquel; "the class teacher" for what she has done during the entire educational year where I can see my son's skills are improved in terms of reading, writing and talking as well. Thanks WSS..

Add comment

**Troy Coutinho - 17315**

Thank you, Teacher Raquel! It feels so good to know that my kid has a teacher like you. I have witnessed your dedication and love in teaching and I'm so blessed that my child is in your class. Kudos to you and for all the teachers who are spending time on making these assignments so that the studies for students do not stop even in this tough time of COVID-19. It's highly appreciated and a big thank you. Mr&Mrs. Coutinho (Troy Parents)

Add comment

**Layan Alrifai**

Ms.Raquel: simply you are the best, we noticed the improvement and the self confidence for our daughter through her daily activities and studies. We are lucky because you're our daughter teacher.

Add comment

**Manahil Azmat**

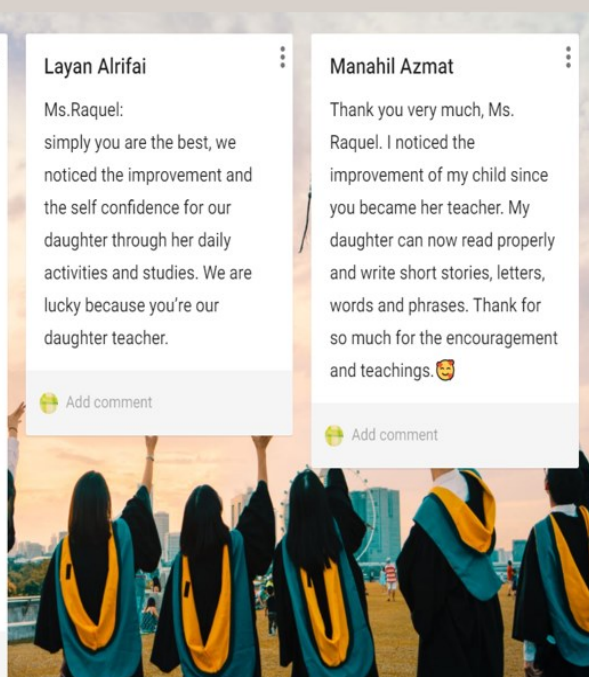
Thank you very much, Ms. Raquel. I noticed the improvement of my child since you became her teacher. My daughter can now read properly and write short stories, letters, words and phrases. Thank for so much for the encouragement and teachings. 😊

Add comment

**Ibrahim yehya 16648**

I know very well that my son is now different from when he started this year. And I am sure that is due to the constant attention and follow-up from the point of view of the teacher Ms. Raquel, who does not give up and believes in the abilities of her students, and of course the supervisors of the department. I am really thankful for your effort and work from the heart and this is already clear to everyone. I wish if Ms.Raquel continue with the class for the following grades.

Add comment



Thank you dear parent for your encouraging & motivating feedback. Throughout this very challenging year, our parents have been working hard behind the scenes to support their children's learning journey. Thank you so much!



Dana looking super smart & ready for her Graduation to Secondary Section!





## WSS Parent-Teacher Superstar Teamwork!

Dear Ms Susweta,

Hope you are doing well and this email finds you well.

I ,as a parent of Aiza want to thank you and appreciate your continuous efforts toward all kids' learning journey throughout the academic year. Thank you for your unique guidance and methods that urges kids to excel in all aspects.

Although it was a distant learning experience but I must admit you gave all your best to help students nurture and grow with your love and care.

Thank you very much for your continuous support.

Aiza will miss you in the next school year and will love to meet you soon.

I wish you all the good luck in your future endeavors.

Hina Raheel

Mother of Aiza Raheel

G3/Y4 F1

**Thank you dear parent for your encouraging & motivating feedback. Throughout this very challenging year, our parents have been working hard behind the scenes to support their children's learning journey. Thank you so much!**

Dear All,

First, I would start my email with a VERY BIG THANK YOU, every year this is the less appreciation that I can do as a parent, to appreciate all the support and effort that has been giving by each one of you to my daughter, thank you and hope to have the best upcoming success year ahead with a full of happiness and progress with high expectations always.

Thank YOU:)

Please need your support to know if there is any missing work also from my daughter's side to complete everything in this great period of time that allows her to engage more with no stress and accomplishments.

I will wait for your reply with a confirmation, please

أعزائي،

أولاً، سأبدأ رسالتي بشكر كبير جداً، في كل عام هذا هو أقل تقدير يمكنني القيام به كوالدة، لأقدر كل الدعم والجهود التي قدمتموها لابنتي، شكراً لكم وآمل أن يكون لديكم أفضل عام قادم ناجح مليئاً بالسعادة والتقدم مع التوقعات العالية.

(الشكر)

أحتاج لمعرفة ما إذا كان هناك أي عمل ناقص لملك لإكمال كل شيء في هذه الفترة الزمنية الرائعة التي تتيح لها الانخراط أكثر دون ضغوط وإنجازات.

سأنتظر ردكم مع التأكيد من فضلكم

Regards

Samar Yassin

Dear Mrs Valerie, Mr Andrew, Mrs Lincy,

I hope you are well and safe.

and virtuous teacher, Miss Lincy, who, if I talk about her longevity, will not be enough for her lovely like to extend my sincere thanks, gratitude, appreciation, and utmost respect to the First of all, I would The teacher's class, Lincy, you made it easy for me in our first year, and it was a year full of challenges and difficulties, This is our first year at school. It was a pleasure to join WSS, and fortunately, Fahd my son joined the which faded away by being the virtuous and beloved teacher of my son, and what we needed was for Fahd to go to school to get to know you face to face. His brother also would like to join the same class to be with you. I offer you Miss Lincy all the love, respect and appreciation for your efforts, your kindness and your patient. Everyone loves you, young and old. We will miss you very much. I wish to you very successful life and God bless you .all

Fahd's Mother

Gr4 y5 D2

Good morning Ms. Ringamphi,

I would also like to say that you have made this unexpected and challenging journey of RLP immensely smooth and amazing. I have been so satisfied with your teaching and coaching style, your communication skills (being timely, clear and without any ambiguity), you always set the right expectations and most importantly how you have been able to balance all the students in the class. I really applaud you for your efforts and sincere dedication.

I have come across many teachers in various schools (Aizah went to two other schools prior to enrolling in WSS) and I found you so organized, balanced, fair and determined. I sincerely thank you for making such a positive impact on my daughter. I hope my younger child will also be lucky to have you as their class teacher.

Once again, thank you ever so much!

I am coping Ms. Valerie, the school principal to share my candid feedback on how amazing her teachers are. Thank you Ms. Valerie for your leadership and making WSS a school to be a highly recommendable one.

Regards,

Hina Mehboob

## WSS Superstar Champions!



Story teller

With Ms. Shamail, Ms. Ragi & Ms. Sadiqa



Goodmorning miss sania , As we all know another blessed joyful acedemic year is going to end , I want to thank to you& your wonderful amazing team on behalf of my whole family from heart . Really my eyes heart are filled with tears of joy tht my child Yousaf got the oppotunity to start his early foundation year from Gems Westminster school .You all have put so much beautiful colours in Yousaf and mine memory which we will nourish throughout our life's ..... I will really recommend one of the best education system where any parents can trust you people you have it .At the end but not last my best wishes with you all ( miss Karunya, miss Amara .your sincerely Dr sadia aamir (Awesum teachers are difficult to find , impossible to forget ) 🍌🍌🍌🍌

# Junior Section News

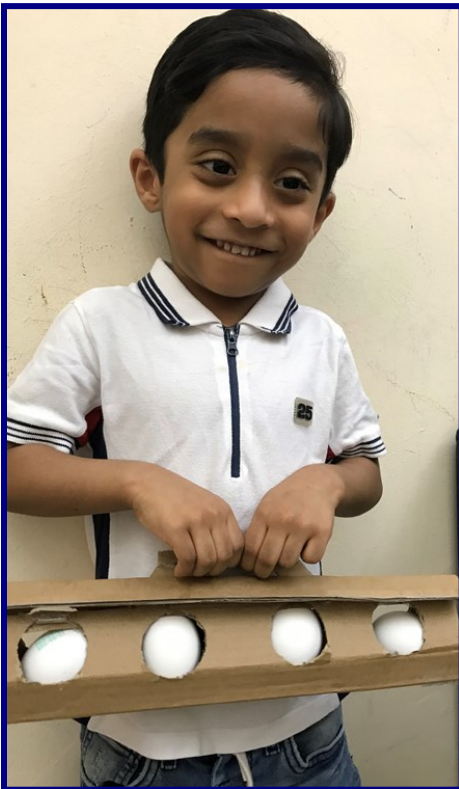
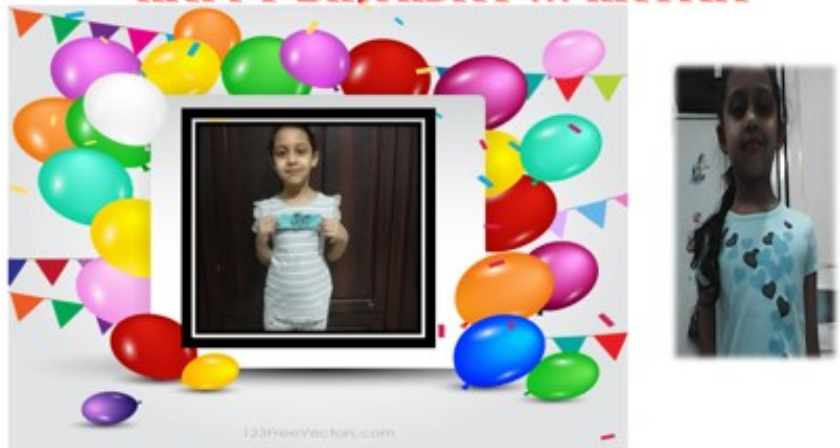
## Students Wellbeing

G1/Y2 H2 with Ms. Sabiha & Ms. Fathima

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!! MARIUM



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!! HAYAA

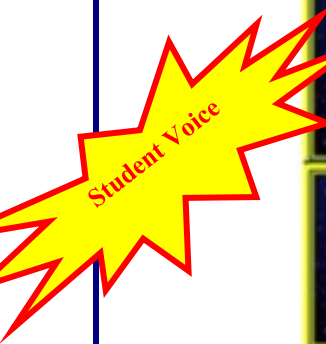


Recycling in KG1 /FS2 H2 with Ms. Karen.

# Junior Section News



## Stars of G1Y2H2-during fun activity and speak up



With Ms. Sabiha & Ms. Fathima

# Primary Section News; Induction Session on 10/6/21 for new Families!

## WSS Progress Tower

WSS Progress Tower Primary Section

Burj Khalifa

Terms used to describe attainment ←

NM  
 DD  
 SA

Sonia Mary Fernandez  
 Emily Gomes  
 Dincy Daniel  
 Sameena Ayaz

## WSS Lesson Structure

Lesson Objective/Lesson Focus Question (LFO). WILF/Learning Outcome: What am I expected to achieve by the end of the lesson

AFL: Assessment for learning- what have I learnt so far?

Plenary: To check attainment against the WILF

Use of digital literacy with technology is embedded in our Lesson Planning

Teacher input/modeling/learning through various techniques and strategies

Differentiation tasks based on the information received from various assessment data- example: learning bias CAT 4

Teacher evaluates the day's lesson and plans further lessons accordingly based on attainment and progress made by the students.

DD  
 SA

Sonia Mary Fernandez  
 Emily Gomes  
 Dincy Daniel  
 Sameena Ayaz

## GEMS Portal- Phoenix

1 Scheme of work (SoW)  
Curriculum Overview, Termly Pacing Sheets, Weekly Curriculum Letters are uploaded.

2 PowerPoints/Resources  
To support asynchronous learning- helps to revisit topics, tasks and concepts and catch up with missed lessons.

3 Home Learning Sheets- Optional  
Home learning sheets are uploaded for students to revisit the concepts taught during the week or unit as a whole.

4 Class Circulars  
Important circulars such as Assessment schedule are uploaded.

DD  
 SA

Sonia Mary Fernandez  
 Emily Gomes  
 Dincy Daniel  
 Anjali Nandanam

## MS TEAMS

WSS-G4/D1

Science Posts Files Notes

Go to files

Find your name folder and click

Upload the notebook work

Click on the subject channel Example: Science

SA

Sonia Mary Fernandez  
 Emily Gomes  
 Dincy Daniel  
 Anjali Nandanam

## Meeting teachers/SLT/PRE

Important and urgent announcements are shared through system generated emails/SMS to the registered email ID and mobile phone number. Events and WSS news is shared through Principal's Newsletters.

Response: Response to any parent email/note/Reception or PRE message will be done within 48 hours

Meeting through MS TEAMS: Upon receiving an email the concerned teacher will send a meeting link and confirmation email

Sharing concerns: The school PRE can be reached directly through the school phone and email.

Email: The email IDs of the Team Leaders, form tutors, subject teachers will be shared with parents

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Sonia Mary Fernandez  
 Emily Gomes  
 Dincy Daniel  
 Sameena Ayaz  
 Alysha Khan

Dincy Daniel  
 Emily Gomes  
 Deepthi Venkita  
 Alysha Khan  
 Anjali Nandanam  
 Noorah Manohar  
 Sameena Ayaz  
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**Extended Learning Plan #Personalization of learning**

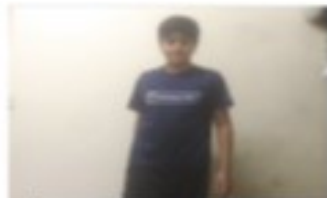
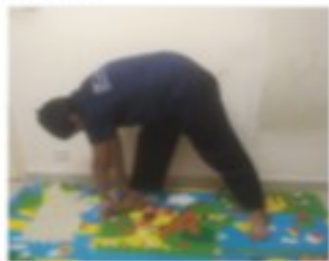


**GRADE 7BS1 -Read instructions below to guide your learning journey-1. Peer Check on FLIPPED investigation video-2.AFL Collaboration-3. CLASS ON TASK-4. Discussion LEARNING REFLECTION-5. PLENARY( Quizzes )**

1. choose the task from learning centre based on your WSS/target grade and click up the learning tasks provided and upload foto to the wall. 4. Talk to teachers support and guide your team.

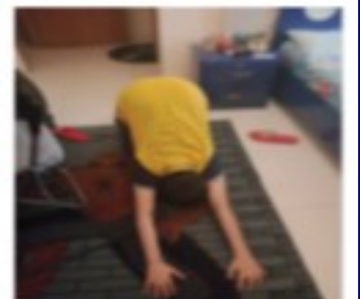
**FANTASTIC @ Abdul Ahsad, Abdul Rahman, Ahmed shahzad, Ahmed Amro, Shahid, Ali**

AS Taha



**BRILLIANT HOOKS Irfan, Omer Ashraf, Youssef samir, Youssef Almazrouz, Zazaan, Ziad**

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**Fun Activity– Creating own games #StudentWellBeing**

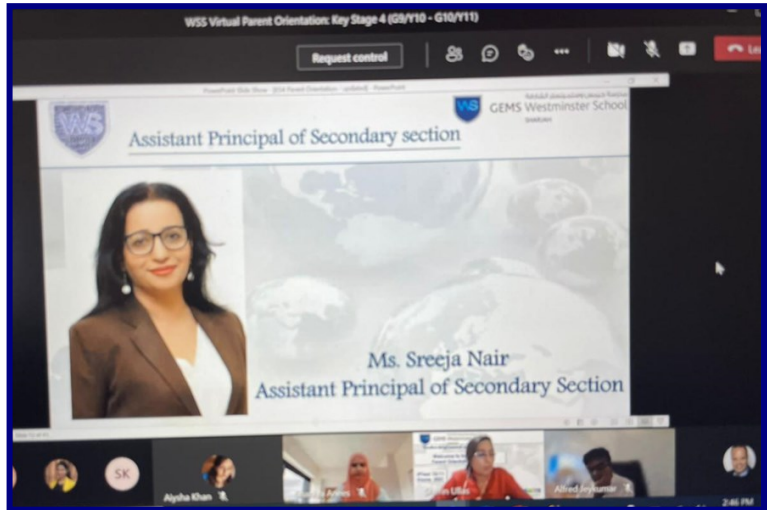
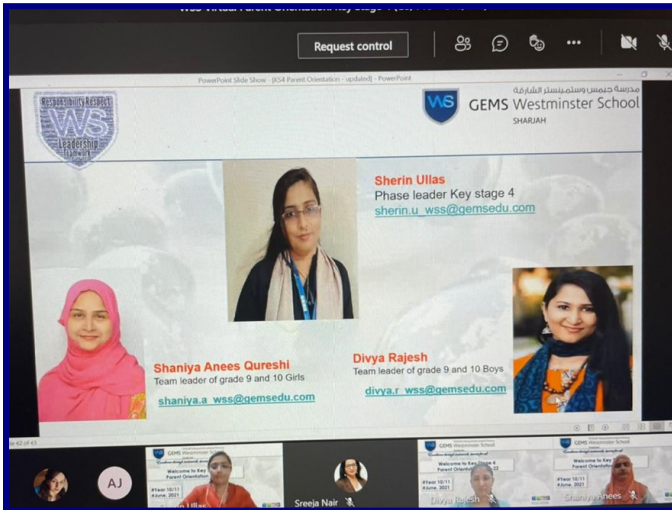


**Ethan G8Y9BD**



**Omar G8Y9BD**

# Secondary Section News; Induction Session on 10/6/21 for new Families!



## TRANSITION TO Y07

### WHAT I LIKED ABOUT Y 7 ?

I WOULD LIKE TO PAY MY HEARTIEST GRATITUDE TO ALL THE WSS LEADERSHIP TEAM, MY SECONDARY TEAM, SPECIFICALLY MS ROSHNI WHO, ALL DURING THE CHALLENGING TIME OF CORONA PANDEMIC, ENABLED US TO BE A BETTER HUMAN BEING BY PUTTING THEIR ENDLESS EFFORTS GIVING US MOTIVATION AND EXTREME HARDWORK WE ALSO GOT MANY PLATFORMS TO SHOWCASE OUR SKILLS AND TALENTS BY VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND WORKSHOPS

### WHAT IS MY ADVICE TO YEAR 6?

Though I am still a student of learning yet, My advice to upcoming Grade 6 students will be to stay positive, consistent, patient resilient and Cooperative during the Whole Year try to work hard and be innovative, always respect your teachers, be patient and try to be focused on the sole purpose of learning and exploring the world

**Hania Irfan**  
**G6GH1**



# Secondary Section News; Wellbeing Activities!

## Fun Activity- Paper Craft #StudentWellBeing



Ayten G7Y8GF1

Nazneen G7Y8GF1

Syeda G7Y8GF1

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